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SUBJ: KING KONSTANTINE STATEMENT ON CYPRUS SITUATION

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1. WISH TO DRAW DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO STATEMENT OF KING CONSTANTINE REPORTEDLY BROADCAST BY BBC GREEK SERVICE EVENING JULY 16 IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO QTE THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS BEEN IRRESPONSIBLY PROVOKED IN CYPRUS END QTE. CONSTANTINE CONTINUED QTE IT IS A NATIONAL IMPERATIVE THAT THE LEGALITY SHOULD BE RESTORED WHICH HAS BEEN OVERTHROWN WITH THE COUP D'ETAT AGAINST THE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS.

QTE IT IS A NATIONAL IMPERATIVE THAT A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORMED IN GREECE WHICH WILL INSPIRE CONFIDENCE AND HAVE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE
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TO FACE THE DRAMATIC CIRCUMSTANCES INTO WHICH THE

COUNTRY HAS BEEN LED BY ITS OWN DIVERSION FROM LEGALITY
AND BY THE ENSUING TRAGIC ERRORS END QTE.

2. STATEMENT ALSO REPORTEDLY APPEARS IN LONDON TIMES JULY 18
(NOT YET AVAILABLE IN ATHENS). FBIS REPORT JULY 18
(180843Z) ALSO REFERRED TO STATEMENT. SEE REFTEL
FOR STATEMENT ON SIMILAR THEME BY FORMER PM KARAMANLIS.
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